

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LaSharn Hughes, MBA



BOARD CHAIRPERSON
William J. Butler, MD

2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor • Atlanta, Georgia 30303 • Tel: 404.656.3923 • <http://www.medicalboard.georgia.gov>
E-Mail: medbd@dch.ga.gov

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD **NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND ADOPT RULES**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given by the Georgia Composite Medical Board that it intends to amend **"360-5-.11 Standards for Physician Assistant Practice."** Exact copies of the proposed amendments are attached to this Notice.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rules and a synopsis of the proposed rules are being emailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on the mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rules and a synopsis of the proposed rules may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the office of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Any interested person who will be affected by these rules may present his or her comments to the Board no later than **March 1, 2013** or make comments at the public hearing. Comments may be directed to Diane Atkinson, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3465 or may be received by the Board by e-mail at datkinson@dch.ga.gov.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **9:00 a.m.** on **March 7, 2013** at the 36th Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rules.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent on **December 7, 2012** meeting. The Board will consider at its meeting on **March 7, 2013** at **9:00 a.m.** the comments from the public hearing whether the formulation and adoption of these proposed rule amendments imposes excessive regulatory costs on any license or entity and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendments could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that accomplishes the objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule. Additionally at its meeting on **March 7, 2013**, the Board will consider whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D).

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LaSharn Hughes, MBA



BOARD CHAIRPERSON
William J. Butler, MD

2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor • Atlanta, Georgia 30303 • Tel: 404.656.3923 • <http://www.medicalboard.georgia.gov>
E-Mail: medbd@dch.ga.gov

The authority for promulgation of these rules is O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-34-3, 43-34-5, 43-34-8, 43-34-102, 43-34-103, 43-34-105, 43-34-106, 43-34-

This Notice is adopted and posted in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act. A synopsis of the proposed rules and an economic impact statement are attached to this Notice.

Date: January 15, 2013

Signed: LaSharn Hughes
LaSharn Hughes, MBA
Executive Director
Georgia Composite Medical Board

ECONOMIC IMPACT AND SYNOPSIS FOR
AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 360-5
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The attached rules are promulgated under the authority of the Medical Practice Act, Title 43, Chapter 34. The Georgia Composite Medical Board licenses and regulates nine professions. The formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Additionally, it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D).

RULE SYNOPSIS:

360-5-.11 “Standards for Physician Assistant Practice.”

Purpose/Main Feature: The purpose of the proposed change is to reflect the proper title for physician assistants in a medical practice.

360-5-.11 Standards for Physician Assistant Practice.

- (1) A licensed physician assistant is authorized to practice in those public or private places or facilities where the primary or alternate supervising physician regularly sees patients.
- (2) The physician assistant is not required to be in the presence of the physician to provide medical services, including the evaluation and treatment of new or established patients.
- (3) A physician assistant may make house calls, nursing home visits, perform hospital duties, serve as an ambulance attendant or perform other functions he is qualified to perform.
- (4) The physician assistant may issue a prescription drug order, and/or order and initiate medical treatment or diagnostic studies in any health care setting, as authorized by his or her supervising physician.
- (5) Any physician, clinic or hospital utilizing physician assistants must post a notice to that effect in a prominent place.
- (6) While engaged in medical practice, a physician assistant must clearly identify himself as such. He/she must also wear a clearly legible identification name tag with the words "Physician Assistant" on it. A Physician Assistant is to be addressed as Mr., Mrs., Ms., or Miss.
- ~~(6)~~ (7) A physician who has been approved for supervision of a physician assistant is responsible for medical acts performed by that physician assistant.
- ~~(7)~~ (8) A physician assistant may pronounce death and certify such pronouncement in the same manner as a physician if he is delegated this authority by his supervising physician.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-34-3, 43-34-5, 43-34-8, 43-34-102, 43-34-103, 43-34-105, 43-34-106, 43-34-108.

11/13/12